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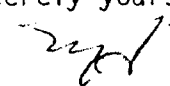
Dear Josh:

The most amazing inclusion in your letter was the reprint of your article from the Washington Post in July 1966. It was evidently right on the mark, absolutely accurate and 16 years ahead of realization of your predicted "plastic heart". Unfortunately, the same imbalances between technology, economics, ethics and national priorities exist today as existed then. At present, it is difficult for me to see the plastic heart emerging with "explosive" speed, but I suspect that within the next 5 years, we will see a great deal more technologic advance in this direction. Probably no major heart center will be able to call itself that without implanting plastic hearts.

We regret that we will not see you and Marguerite over Christmas, but I am glad to hear that both of you are well and that things are proceeding well in New York. We will look forward to seeing you perhaps in the spring.

With best regards to you all.

Sincerely yours,



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